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SUBJECT: FOURTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, TOKYO  
MARCH 24-APRIL 4.

1. FIRST TWO DAYS OF CNR MEETING TAKEN UP WITH GENERAL  
STATEMENTS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4 (SUPPLY-DEMAND RELATIONSHIP  
FOR NATURAL RESOURCES). STATEMENTS THUS FAR HAVE MOSTLY  
AVOIDED CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES AND CONTAINED ONLY PRO-  
FORMA REFERENCES TO DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND  
CERDS. MEXICO IS NOT PRESENT, AND ALGERIA, WHICH HAS NOT YET  
SPOKEN, APPEARS TO BE REPRESENTED BY SECOND-RANK DELEGATION.  
ONLY ARGENTINA HAS THUS FAR RAISED THE BANNER OF THIRD-WORLD  
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UNITY, ENDORSING IN ENTIRETY DAKAR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

AND MAINTAINING THAT DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION PROVIDE SUFFICIENT AND ONLY VALID GUIDE IN NATURAL RESOURCES AREA. OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING EASTERN EUROPEANS AND SOVIET UNION, HAVE BEEN FAR MORE CAUTIOUS, PERHAPS FROM UNCERTAINTY AS TO JUST WHAT ROLE CNR SHOULD TAKE IN THIS AREA.

2. LATE IN AFTERNOON SESSION MARCH 25, AMBASSADOR FERGUSON DELIVERED STATEMENT OF U.S. VIEWS ON CNR. EXPRESSING PLEASURE OF JOINING COMMITTEE AS FULL MEMBER AND BELIEF THAT COMMITTEE HAS BOTH OPPORTUNITY AND MANDATE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT AND USEFUL CONTRIBUTION, FERGUSON NEVERTHELESS URGED THAT IT BE "EVER ALERT TO ENTRAPMENT IN THE POLITICS OF NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUES" AND STATED IT IS OUR POSITION THAT THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE TREATED ELSEWHERE, FOR EXAMPLE IN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA. "MY GOVERNMENT", HE SAID, "IS NOW REVIEWING A WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES OF A POLITICAL NATURE IN PREPARATION FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION", BUT IS "NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THESE ISSUES AT THIS TIME." FERGUSON ALSO REVIEWED U.S. POSITION ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY USING LANGUAGE CONTAINED PARA 1 STATE 64903. HE DECLARED, "U.S. CAN SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR PLACING CNR OR ITS FUNCTIONS WITHIN OR UNDER OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FOR EXAMPLE UNIDO".

3. FERGUSON SAID THAT THE PROPER ROLE OF CNR SHOULD CONSIST OF: (A) OVERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAMS OF UN AND NON-UN ORGANIZATIONS; (B) ANALYSIS OF PROGRAM CONTENT AND TOTAL LEVEL-OF-EFFORT TO IDENTIFY GAPS AND SET PRIORITIES; (C) INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON THE GLOBAL RESOURCE SUPPLY-DEMAND SITUATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL STATE-OF-THE-ART; AND (D) POLICY GUIDANCE TO ECOSOC ON UN PROGRAM STRENGTHENING AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW NON-UN PROGRAMS CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO WORLDWIDE EFFORT. HE CITED THE ENCOURAGING EVOLUTION OF CNR DEBATE AND ACTIVITIES OVER THE FIRST THREE SESSIONS BUT NOTED PARTICULAR NEED TO STRENGTHEN OVERVIEW AND COORDINATION FUNCTION BASED ON BETTER INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF ONGOING AND PLANNED NATURAL RESOURCE ACTIVITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN AND OUTSIDE UN FAMILY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CNR AT THIS SESSION, FERGUSON: (A) URGED ADVANCEMENT OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE UN WATER CONFERENCE; (B) SUGGESTED THAT RATHER THAN APPROVING A NEW ENERGY ACTION PROGRAM AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD IMPLEMENT THE ACTION PROGRAM FOR ENERGY SET FORTH IN

THE COMMITTEE'S GUIDELINES ADOPTED AT THE 2ND SESSION BY FIRST IDENTIFYING AND ANALYZING THE SPECTRUM OF ENERGY-RELATED ACTIVITIES NOW UNDERWAY, AND THEN FILLING GAPS AND REINFORCING COMPONENTS AS REQUIRED; (C) ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE CONCEPT OF A STUDY OF TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR RAISING CAPITAL FOR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT WHICH ALSO WOULD INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS; AND (D) RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE STUDY A NUMBER OF SUCCESS STORIES ASSOCIATED WITH NEW PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE PETROLEUM AND MINING FIRMS, SINCE SUCH FIRMS REPRESENT A UNIQUE RESOURCE WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD APPROACH ON A POSITIVE BASIS.

5. THE U.S. STATEMENT APPEARED TO BE VERY WELL RECEIVED WITH DELEGATES FROM ALL REGIONS INDICATING APPRECIATION FOR A FORTHRIGHT AND CONSTRUCTIVE PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CNR.

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